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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Hubbard et al.

Title:

TISSUE AUGMENTATION

MATERIAL AND METHOD

Appl. No.:

09/626,326

Appl. Filing Date: 07/26/2000

Examiner:

T. Strzelecka

Art Unit:

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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) **TRANSMITTAL**

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

- 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)
  - a. Previously submitted:

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- Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on but not considered.
- [ ] Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_ .
- [X] Other: additional prior art references.

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- b. Enclosed are:
- [ ] Amendment/Reply.
- [ ] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- [X] Information Disclosure Statement.
- [X] Form PTO-1449 with copies of 2 listed reference(s).
- [] Other.

## Miscellaneous:

[ ] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e)							\$750.00	- **	\$750.00
Total Claims:	73	_	73	=	0	- x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independents:	9	_	9	=	0	×	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
First presentation	on of any M	ultiple	e Dependen	t Cla	ims:	+	\$280.00	=	\$0.00
					Cl	AIMS	FEE TOTAL:	=	\$750.00

]	Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:							
	[]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$0.00				
	[]	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$410.00	\$0.00				
	[]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$930.00	\$0.00				
	[ ]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,450.00	\$0.00				
1	[]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$1,970.00	\$0.00				
		EXTENSION	\$0.00					
		CLAIMS AND EXTENSION	\$750.00					
1	[ ]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract	\$0.00					
!	[ ]	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)		\$0.00				
			TOTAL FEE:	\$750.00				

- [X] A check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1450. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1450.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

March 10, 2003

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